

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee  
Camp Harkness Office  
301 Great Neck Road  
April 24, 2014  
Minutes**

**Present:** Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Bev Jackson, April Dipollina, Ron Rasi, Tom Dailey, Jackson Pierre- Louis

**Others Present:** Carin Mancini, Chris Pierce, Betsy Danforth

**1. Call to Order:** 10:42 AM

**2. Public Comments:** None

**3. Additions to Agenda:**

- Change of May meeting date to the 29<sup>th</sup>
- Vicki shared an article about a request to place a memorial to a Booster Club founder, Armand A. Legault. He worked and supported Camp Harkness for many years. The committee agreed to the possible placement of a plaque in the dining hall.
- Introductions were made to a potential new parent member. Betsy Danforth lives in North Stonington and has a 14 year old son who attends Camp Harkness.

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Vicki suggested amending minutes regarding segregation of Camp Harkness to reflect that the general public does use the facilities. Stan suggested removing the last line in the March minutes. April motioned to accept the amended minutes. Jackson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Camp Harkness Fund:**

- April reported that the fund has a balance of \$4000.
- Different events are planned at Camp Harkness this year. Items including towels, beach bags, hats, thermal mugs with straws and handles will be purchased with the Camp Harkness logo on them and will be sold at the events.
- "Junk in the Trunk" day at Waterford Beach – T-shirts with garden logo (theme for the day) will be sold to benefit the Butterfly Garden
- Spring cleanup is May 18, 2014 from 9am – 12pm
- Status of the DSL line was discussed. Vicki is unsure of what is happening with Wi-Fi. There are complications in working with service to the camp.
- Stan talked with the staff regarding a cart for sales. The request was not denied.
- Carts for trains are still be repaired.

**7. Old Business:**

**A. Feasibility Study for Master Plan**

- Thomas reported that a contract is being negotiated
- Vicki met with Warren Schilling (Central Office Plant Facilities Engineer) and other key players in the development, Frank Provenza and the architect.

## **B. Camp Report**

### **i. Physical Plant**

- Chris Pierce reported on ongoing work
- Electricians have been rewiring the barn
- Stalls have been removed
- Awaiting sand from DOT
- Progress on Brown Cabins continues
- Framing is ongoing
- Handrails to the entrance have been replaced
- Bev expressed concerns with ventilation. Chris will refer her questions back to Ernie
- Water is on in Yellow- Blue Cabins. It will be up and running by Monday
- Working on Red's Lodge (Oak Hill Lodge)
- Beach house complete
- Dining room ceiling being sprayed
- Insulation is being sprayed and ceiling tiles will go in next week
- Floors in the Dining Room will possibly be done when the ceiling is complete
- Partitions in bathrooms have been put up; radiators have been removed; heating in ceiling
- New sound system
- Lots of hard work has been done by the maintenance crew which is very appreciated by the committee.
- Cottage 2 reflects the positive changes

### **ii. Camp Programs/Usage/Events**

- See attached
- Vicki reported that there was low attendance due to renovations
- MS Walk was successful
- Reservations are ongoing: cabins, camp sites, dining hall, pavilions

## **C. Appointments/ Reappointments**

- Stan reported that there was no change

## **D. Other**

- Thomas reported that High Hopes agreement has been updated and will be sent to their staff
- Vicki reported that Summer Positions had been approved

**8. Old Business:** None

**9. Adjournment:** 11:19AM

**Next Meeting:** May 29, 2014

**Respectfully submitted by:** Shannon Aiello, Secretary